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<b>Applicant:</b> Keijzer et al	§	
	§	<b>Art Unit:</b>
<b>Serial No:</b> 10/537,638	§	
	§	<b>Examiner:</b>
<b>Filed:</b> 6 Jun 2005	§	
	§	<b>Atty Docket No:</b> DQ 015 PCT/US
<b>For:</b> Apparatus & Method For	§	
Facilitating Handling Pipe	§	<b>Conf. No.</b> 6339

**PARENT APPLICATION:** PCT/GB2004/003431  
Int'l Filing Date 09 Aug 2004

**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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Dear Sir:

This Renewed Petition under 37 CFR is in reply to The Decision (copy enclosed) of August 8, 2007. Submitted herewith are copies of

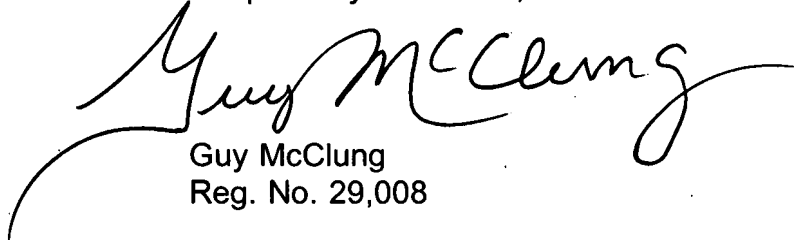
- Letter, filed 20 Mar 2007, with attachments
- Response To Notification of Missing Requirement Under 35 USC 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office with attachments
- Return Postcard, copy both sides with OIPE stamp of Mar. 14, 2006

The undersigned attests on personal knowledge and belief that the Declaration herein was previously timely mailed and facsimile transmitted to the U.S. PTO on the dates indicated on the attached documents. The Return Postcard listed above confirms that the U.S. PTO received the Declaration as mailed on March 9, 2006. The Auto-

Reply Facsimile Transmission receipt sheet dated 3/9/2006 from the U.S. PTO confirms that the Declaration as facsimile transmitted was received on March 9, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Petition be reconsidered and granted for the reasons stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy McClung  
Reg. No. 29,008

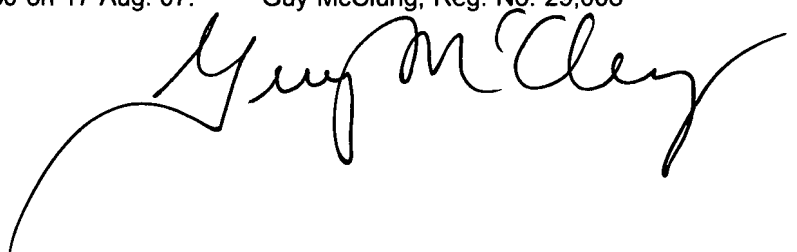
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In re Application of KRIJNEN et al  
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PCT Application No.: PCT/GB2004/003431  
Int. Filing Date: 09 August 2004  
Priority Date Claimed: 13 December 2003  
Attorney Docket No.: DQ 015 PCT/US  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
FACILITATING HANDLING PIPE

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DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Letter" filed 20 March 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

**BACKGROUND**

On 09 August 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/GB2004/003431, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 13 December 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 30 June 2005. the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 12 June 2006.

On 06 June 2005, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 09 February 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 09 March 2006, applicant purportedly filed an executed declaration via facsimile.

On 20 March 2007, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

### DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the declaration purportedly filed on 09 March 2006 is not present.

37 CFR 1.8(b) states:

In the event that correspondence is considered timely filed by being mailed or transmitted in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, but not received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed from the time of mailing or transmitting of the correspondence, or after the application is held to be abandoned, or after the proceeding is dismissed, terminated, or decided with prejudice, the correspondence will be considered timely if the party who forwarded such correspondence:

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With regard to item (1) above, the present petition was promptly filed.

With regard to item (2) above, a copy of the previously transmitted declaration has been provided.

With regard to item (3) above, a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis that the declaration was transmitted by facsimile on 09 March 2006 has not been provided.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is DISMISSED without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of the petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181".

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,

Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

*Bryan Lin*

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PARENT APPLICATION: PCT/GB2004/003431

**Letter**

Attn: Mr. Darrel Cottman  
Fax Phone No. 571 270 9815

Mail Stop PCT; Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

As requested by Mr. Darrel Cottman in a phone message to the undersigned, submitted herewith is a copy of the Declaration previously submitted herein and a copy of the cover sheet entitled RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE [which was mailed 9 March 2006 and included the executed Declaration].

Respectfully submitted,

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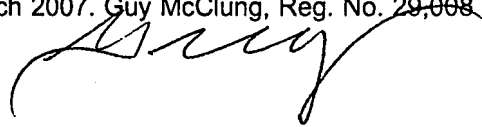
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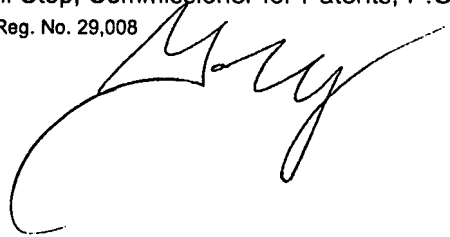
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DECLARATION PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I, the below named inventor, am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application on the invention entitled "Apparatus and Method For Facilitating Handling Pipe", filed 6 June 2005 bearing U.S. Serial No. 10/537,638. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C., Section 119(a)-(d), Section 120, or Section 365(b) of any foreign application for patent, or Section 365(a) or 365 (c) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below:

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/807,641 filed 23 March 2004  
U.S. Application Serial No. 10/734,923 filed 12 December 2003  
U.S. Application Serial No. 60/567,236 filed 05/01/2004  
PCT Application Ser. No. PCT/GB2004/003431; Int'l Filing Date 9 Aug. 04  
and, insofar as any subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in these prior Applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 01.56(a) which occurred between the filing dates of said prior Great Britain U.K. applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed to  
Guy L. McClung, III PMB 347, 16690 Champion Forest Drive, Spring, Texas  
77379A7023, Phone (281) 893 5244, Fax (281) 893 5258.

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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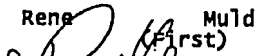
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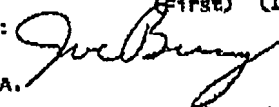
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International Application Filing Date 08/09/2004

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

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Dear Sir:

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- a Declaration executed by all inventors
- Assignment executed by all inventors
- Recordation Cover Sheet for Assignment
- *COPY OF NOTIFICATION, 2 pp.*

If any Petition is necessary for filing any of these items, please consider this as said Petition. If any additional fee or surcharge is required for this response or for filing the Declaration please charge Deposit Account 13 - 0195.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9 MARCH 06  
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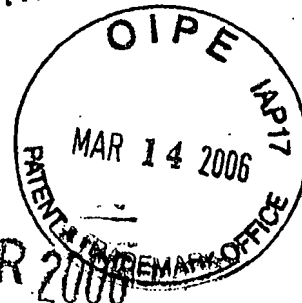
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/06/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/06/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/06/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/25/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/06/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/06/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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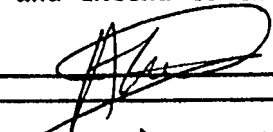
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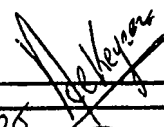
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Execution Date(s) 7 MAR 2006; 7 MAR 2006  
7 MAR 2006; 9 MAR 2006

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☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
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☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Varco I/P, Inc.

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City: Houston

State: Texas

Country: USA Zip: 77051

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### 4. Application or patent number(s):

☐ This document is being filed together with a new application.

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

10/537,638

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### 5. Name and address to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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### 6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

7. Total fee (37 CFR 1.21(h) & 3.41) \$ 40

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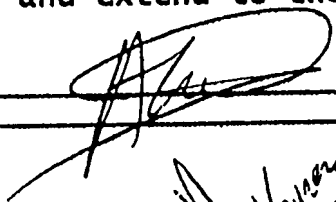
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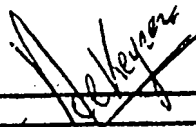
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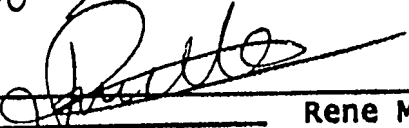
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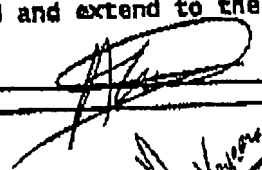
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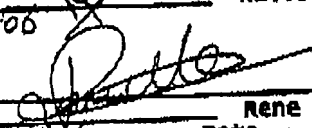
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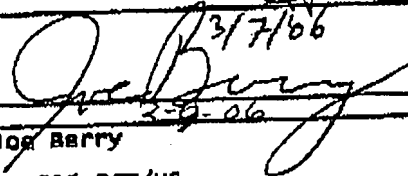
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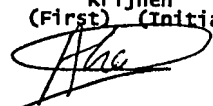
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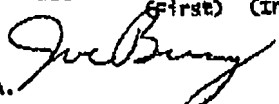
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